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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-55 (Canceled)

6/ 1 §6. | (Currently amended) A locking system comprising:

2 a portable electronic computer having an external wall defining a security slot;

3 a housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion

4 provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to preselected
5 dimensions of said security slot which thereby permits said locking member to extend into said
6 security slot;

7 said slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position
8 wherein said locking member is removable from said security slot, and a locked position wherein
9 said locking member is retained within said security slot;

10 a pin cooperatively coupled to said slot engagement member after said slot
11 engagement member is in said locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement
12 member to said unlocked position;

13 cable attachment means, coupled to said housing, for attaching a cable to said
14 housing; and

15 a cable, coupled to said cable attachment means, for securing said portable
16 electronic computer to an object other than to said housing[.];

17 wherein said pin includes a first threaded portion, complementary to a second
18 threaded portion in an aperture in said housing.

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Claims ~~57~~ - 58 (Canceled).

~~59~~. 2 (Previously presented) The system of claim ~~56~~ wherein a first side of said housing abuts said external wall, and

wherein said housing includes a cavity and a second side opposite said first side that is open to access said cavity wherein said pin is insertable through said second side and into said cavity to cooperate with said slot engagement member to inhibit said rotation.

Claim ~~60~~ (Canceled).

~~61~~. 3 (Previously presented) The system of claim ~~58~~ wherein said housing includes sidewalls orthogonal to said first side wherein said sidewalls include opposing apertures to permit said cable to extend therethrough after cooperation of said pin with said slot engagement member to inhibit removal of said pin from said security slot.

~~62~~. 4 (Previously presented) The system of claim ~~59~~ further comprising a locking structure adapted for insertion into said cavity, said locking structure incorporating said pin at a first end such that insertion of said locking structure into said cavity cooperates said pin with said slot engagement member through an aperture in said first side.

~~63~~. 5 (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim ~~64~~ wherein said housing includes sidewalk orthogonal to said first side wherein said sidewalk include apertures and a second end of [said] a spindle includes a transverse aperture collinear with said opposing apertures in said sidewalls, said opposing apertures and said transverse apertures permitting said cable to extend therethrough after cooperation of said pin with said slot engagement member to inhibit uncooperation of said pin and said slot engagement member.

~~64~~. 6 (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim ~~56~~ wherein said preselected dimensions are about three millimeters by about seven millimeters.

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1 ^{85.8} (Currently amended) A locking system, comprising:
 2 a portable electronic device including an exterior wall defining a security slot;
 3 location fixing means for attaching to a first object other than to the portable
 4 electronic device;
 5 a housing, coupled to said location fixing means and proximate to said electronic
 6 device and including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion provided with a
 7 locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to preselected dimensions of said
 8 security slot to thereby permit said locking member to extend into said slot, said slot engagement
 9 member being rotatable between an unlocked position wherein said locking member is removable
 10 from the slot, and a locked position wherein
 11 said locking member is retained within the slot; and
 12 a pin, coupled said engagement member, for cooperating with said slot
 13 engagement member when said slot engagement member is in said locked position to thereby
 14 inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to said unlocked position [[.]]; and
 15 wherein said locking member is "T-shaped."

1 ^{86.9} (Previously presented) The system of claim 65 wherein said preselected
 2 dimensions are about three millimeters by about seven millimeters.

1 ^{87.7} (Previously presented) The system of claim ¹56 wherein said locking
 2 member is "T-shaped."

1 [Claim 68 (Canceled).

1 ^{89.10} (Previously presented) The system of claim ⁸65 wherein said pin
 2 cooperates by extending into said security slot.

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1 ~~10.11~~ (Currently amended) A cable attachment system, comprising:
 2 a portable computer including an exterior wall provided with a security slot
 3 having dimensions of about three millimeters by about seven millimeters;
 4 a locking structure, coupled to said cable, for attaching to said security slot,
 5 said locking structure comprising:
 6 a housing, adapted to abut said wall adjacent said security slot,
 7 said housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion
 8 provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to said security slot
 9 to permit said locking member to extend into said security slot, said slot engagement member
 10 being rotatable between an unlocked position wherein said locking member is removable from
 11 said security slot, and a locked position wherein said locking member is retained within said
 12 security slot; and
 13 a pin coupled through said housing adjacent to said slot engagement member and
 14 cooperating with said slot engagement member after said slot engagement member is in said
 15 locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to said unlocked
 16 position; and
 17 a cable for securing said portable computer to an object other than to said
 18 housing[[]]; and

19 wherein said pin cooperates by extending into said security slot.

1 ~~11.12~~ (New) A locking system comprising:
 2 a portable electronic computer having an external wall defining a security slot;

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3 a housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion
4 provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to preselected
5 dimensions of said security slot which thereby permits said locking member to extend into said
6 security slot;

7 said slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position
8 wherein said locking member is removable from said security slot, and a locked position wherein
9 said locking member is retained within said security slot;

10 a pin cooperatively coupled to said slot engagement member after said slot
11 engagement member is in said locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement
12 member to said unlocked position;

13 cable attachment means, coupled to said housing, for attaching a cable to said
14 housing; and

15 a cable, coupled to said cable attachment means, for securing said portable
16 electronic computer to an object other than to said housing; and

17 wherein said pin cooperates by extending into said security slot.

1 ~~12~~. ¹³ (New) A locking system comprising:

2 a portable electronic computer having an external wall defining a security slot;

3 a housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion
4 provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to preselected
5 dimensions of said security slot which thereby permits said locking member to extend into said
6 security slot;

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7 said slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position
 8 wherein said locking member is removable from said security slot, and a locked position wherein
 9 said locking member is retained within said security slot;

10 a pin cooperatively coupled to said slot engagement member after said slot
 11 engagement member is in said locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement
 12 member to said unlocked position;

13 cable attachment means, coupled to said housing, for attaching a cable to said
 14 housing; and

15 a cable, coupled to said cable attachment means, for securing said portable
 16 electronic computer to an object other than to said housing; and

17 wherein said locking member is "T-shaped."

1 ~~13.~~ ¹⁴ (New) A locking system, comprising:

2 a portable electronic device including an exterior wall defining a security slot;

3 location fixing means for attaching to a first object other than to the portable
 4 electronic device;

5 a housing, coupled to said location fixing means and proximate to said electronic
 6 device and including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion provided with a
 7 locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to preselected dimensions of said
 8 security slot to thereby permit said locking member to extend into said slot, said slot engagement
 9 member being rotatable between an unlocked position wherein said locking member is removable
 10 from the slot, and a locked position wherein

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- 11 said locking member is retained within the slot;
- 12 a pin, coupled said engagement member, for cooperating with said slot
- 13 engagement member when said slot engagement member is in said locked position to thereby
- 14 inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to said unlocked position; and
- 15 wherein said pin cooperates by extending into said security slot.
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